

Amendments to the Claims:

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1-12. (Canceled)

13. (Currently Amended) ~~The image storage according to claim 12, further comprising~~ An image storage to be separately connected to a television set comprising:

a main memory for storing a plurality of digital still image data;

a digital circuit for retrieving desired one of the plurality of digital still image data from the main memory;

an input circuit for receiving a control signal from the television set;

an output circuit for transmitting a still image signal on the basis of the digital still image data retrieved by the digital circuit;

a memory controller for changing the main memory between the rested condition and the active condition,

wherein the memory controller is designed to change the main memory from the active condition to the rested condition in response to the input circuit which receives the control signal with the main memory in the active condition, the change being postponed till a completion of the retrieval of the digital still image data if the control signal is received with the digital circuit in the course of retrieving the digital still image data from the main memory.

14. (Currently Amended) ~~The image storage according to claim 12, further comprising~~ An image storage to be separately connected to a television set comprising:

a main memory for storing a plurality of digital still image data;

a digital circuit for retrieving desired one of the plurality of digital still image data from the main memory;

_____ an input circuit for receiving a control signal from the television set;
_____ an output circuit for transmitting a still image signal on the basis of the digital
still image data retrieved by the digital circuit;
_____ a memory controller for changing the main memory between the rested
condition and the active condition,
_____ wherein the memory controller is designed to change the main memory from
the active condition to the rested condition in response to the input circuit which receives the
control signal with the main memory in the active condition, the change being postponed for a
predetermined time period after the control signal is received by the input circuit.

15-24. (Canceled)

25. (Previously Presented) A television set to be connected to an image storage
comprising:

a television circuit including a tuner for receiving a broadcast program;
an input circuit for receiving a still image signal transmitted from the image
storage;
a monitor for selectively displaying one of the broadcast program from the
television circuit and the still image on the basis of the still image signal received by the input
circuit;
an output circuit for transmitting a control signal to the image storage; and
a mode selector for selecting between a first mode for the monitor to display
the broadcast program and a second mode for the monitor to display the still image, and a
manually operable member for controlling the television circuit in the first mode and for
controlling the output circuit in the second mode; and

wherein the mode selector is designed to automatically change from the second mode to the first mode when the image storage is turned off with the television set in the second mode.

26. (Original) A television set to be connected to an external device comprising:
a television circuit including a tuner for receiving a broadcast program;
an input circuit for receiving an image transmitted from the external device;
a monitor for selectively displaying one of the broadcast program from the television circuit and the image on the basis of the image signal received by the input circuit;
and

a mode selector for selecting between a first mode for the monitor to display the broadcast program and a second mode for the monitor to display the image from the external device, the mode selector being designed to automatically change from the second mode to the first mode when the external device is turned off with the television set in the second mode.

27. (Canceled)

28. (Previously Presented) A television set to be connected to an external device comprising:

a television circuit including a tuner for receiving a broadcast program;
an input circuit for receiving an image transmitted from the external device;
a monitor for selectively displaying one of the broadcast program from the television circuit and the image on the basis of the image signal received by the input circuit;

a mode selector for selecting between a first mode for the monitor to display the broadcast program and a second mode for the monitor to display the image from the external device, and

an output circuit for transmitting a control signal to make the external device operative when the mode selector selects the second mode; wherein the output circuit is designed to further transmit a control signal to make the external device inoperative when the mode selector selects the first mode with the television set in the second mode.

29. (Previously Presented) A television set to be connected to an external device comprising:

- a television circuit including a tuner for receiving a broadcast program;
- an input circuit for receiving an image transmitted from the external device;
- a monitor for selectively displaying one of the broadcast program from the television circuit and the image on the basis of the image signal received by the input circuit;
- a mode selector for selecting between a first mode for the monitor to display the broadcast program and a second mode for the monitor to display the image from the external device, and

- an output circuit for transmitting a control signal to make the external device operative when the mode selector selects the second mode;

- wherein an actual mode change from the first to second mode is postponed until the external device is actually made operative after the mode selector selects the second mode.

30. (Original) A television set to be connected to an external device comprising:

- a television circuit including a tuner for receiving a broadcast program;
- an input circuit for receiving an image transmitted from the external device;
- a monitor for selectively displaying one of the broadcast program from the television circuit and the image on the basis of the image signal received by the input circuit;

a mode selector for selecting between a first mode for the monitor to display the broadcast program and a second mode for the monitor to display the image from the external device, and

an output circuit for transmitting a control signal to make the external device inoperative when the mode selector selects the first mode with the television set in the second mode.

31-66. (Canceled)